

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:** identifying insertions and ~~deletions~~.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/460,131, filed December 13, 1999, which is ~~The present application is a continuation-in-part application of~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/946,865, filed October 8, 1997 (abandoned) (~~status pending~~), the entire contents of which are incorporated by reference herein.